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Mesilla Valley Radio Club		

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Sat	Informal at Cracker Barrel	6:00 AM	
M, W, F	Informal Wal-Mart (West)	10:00 AM	
Wed	MVRC Net 146.64	6:45 PM	
May 3	Board Meeting Club House	7 PM	
May 5	Bean Feed Club House	7 AM	
May 5	testing Club House	11:55 AM	
May 1	Builder's Group Club House	7PM	
May 8	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
May 15	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
May 22	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
May 28	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
For more events see http://www.n5bl.org/calendar			



More information at <http://swantenna.com>



WA5DJJ and KC5EVR operating N5BL

The Articles for This Month

NM QSO Party

WA5DJJ and KC5EVR are shown operating N5BL in the 1018 New Mexico QSO Party on April 14. The contest encourages as many hams as possible to contact as many NM stations as possible. This year the contest was sponsored by the Los Alamos Radio Club. The scoring urged stations to work as many different counties as possible. Preliminary information showed that hams were listed as active in all the New Mexico counties. Dona Ana and Cibola were the two counties with the highest numbers of registered hams.

WA5DJJ ensured that the Mesilla Valley Radio Club was well represented. He kept the club station going for almost all of the 12 hours of the contest. Most of the contest was spent on 20 meters where CQs were usually answered by one or two stations. There were about a dozen club members who took part in one way or another. Members came and went all day. WA5DJJ helped those who were new to contesting and showing operators how to use the logging program which kept track of the contacts and prepared the log to send in reporting the club efforts.



Shown in the photographs are WA5DJJ (right) and KC5EVR(left) working 20 meters from the special contest operating location. WA5DJJ is working the push-to-talk foot switch and selecting which station to contact while KC5EVR is doing the logging. The station averaged about one contact every two minutes over the whole contest time. That means that during a busy period, a logger is a very useful part of the contest team. Well over 300 contacts were made in three different countries for a claimed score of over 47,000 points. A very respectful showing. A lot of credit goes to WA5DJJ for this good effort. Logs were not due until the end of April, so final results are not available now. They will be posted in mid-June at the URL www.newmexicoqsoparty.org.

MVRC Reflector Operating Manual

KG5BVE has prepared an operating manual which tells you everything you want to know about the new MVRC Reflector. It is 35 pages long and has been sent to all users of the reflector. A link is provided here to the file on the N5BL web site. He is working on a shorter, more basic version which will make it easier to use the various features of this very flexible reflector. The URL for the manual is www.n5bl.org/MRS.pdf.

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Antenna Party

An antenna party in preparation for Field Day will be held on May 19 at a small park in front of the home of KC5EVR. It is on Hess Terrace, which is the first right on Picacho after N Raymond Street. Club members will be there with SWR and other meters to help you tune up portable antennas. People will be there around 9 AM.

General Meeting Minutes

MVRC Members meeting minutes 4-7-2018

Secretary Kyle filling in for president Sven called the meeting to order at 8:45 am

The members introduced themselves

George presented the Bataan thank you to the club plaque to the club

Furman reported he was improved; but still not driving and the monthly report was in order and balances normal

Charles reported the reflector was working well on groups io, some persons still attempted (unsuccessfully) to use the old system. Improvement on replying to messages was needed and charles would send out a memo

Rob reported contact with the county on a site for the 6 meter repeater, with resolution a few months in the future

Earl reported the QSL party would be from 8am to 8pm on Saturday the 14th at the clubhouse and members could participate from home Field day site was not yet chosen—the university (cost \$500)and the city (cost \$0)were possibilities. Antenna party 5-19 at Hess Terrace—Thanks to George for work on Bataan support---Earl and Bob said choosing to use the camp site was a good idea—thoughts of a low power 1610 am info station should be discussed---Ham participation was recognized as a positive benefit to the event---Bean feed no vendors signed up; but that's true of Albuquerque also—walk in VE testing at bean feed

Derek reported the 6 meter net at 52.525 was working

George reported the 2 meter net at 146.64 was working and the next event to support was the Las Cruces running club race on July3rd at the electric light parade

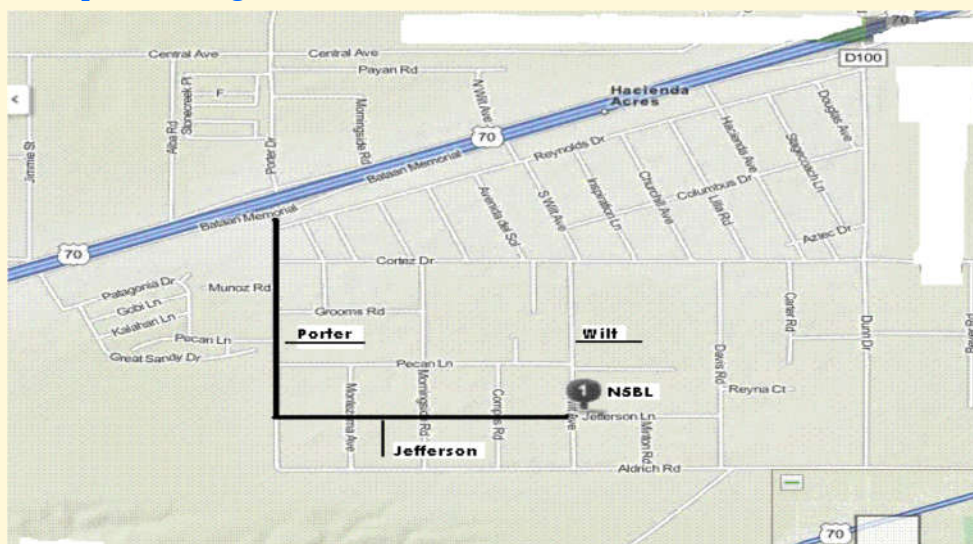
Cash reported the club is ready willing and able to provide license training classes and/or tutoring for license exams---Bill Taylor would demonstrate and explain how a pan adapter display could be added to a ham radio inexpensively using free software and sdr radio adapters.

At 9:35 kyle adjourned the meeting and Bill Taylor began his presentation.

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CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit near the firehouse on US 70. It is about 5 miles east from the I 25 interchange. Go south on Porter until you come to Jefferson. There turn left toward the mountains and go to Wilt. You will see the beam on the corner. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



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If you want confirmation that your payment was received and processed, please include your email address

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City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club or renew your membership, please complete this form and print or cut out. Send it to **"Treasurer, MVRC, PO Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004"** with annual dues (\$35 single, \$45 family)

Date: _____ Method of payment: Check No. _____ Other _____

Call Sign(S) _____ Family Membership Yes _____ No _____

License Class (E, A, G, T, N) _____ ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Are You a ARRL Volunteer Examiner (Y/N) _____

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector (email information system)? _____

Interests

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Field Day _____ Packet _____ Programs _____ Public Service _____ Publicity _____ RFI _____

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